

AS HISTORY

The Age of the Crusades, c1071–1204

Component 1A The Crusader states and Outremer, c1071–1149

Wednesday 15 May 2024 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7041/1A.
- Answer **two** questions.
In **Section A** answer Question 01.
In **Section B** answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about:
 - 50 minutes on Section A
 - 40 minutes on Section B.

Section AAnswer Question 01.

Extract A

In the late summer of 1071, the Seljuk forces of Alp-Arslan met the Byzantine army at Manzikert and inflicted on it a bloody and disastrous defeat. Two years later the well-planned invasion and occupation of Anatolia by the Seljuks began. There was little opposition. Within less than a decade nearly all of that prosperous and fertile region was under the control of the Seljuks. Nor was this the only Byzantine loss. The treasury was empty. The navy had ceased to exist. Trade was at a standstill. The currency was ruined. History has few examples to show of a collapse so sudden and so complete as this.

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Adapted from RJH Jenkins, *The Byzantine Empire on the Eve of the Crusades*, 1968

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The extract is taken from pages 15 – 16 of *The Byzantine Empire 1025–1204* by Michael Arnold, printed by Longman in 1997, ISBN 9780582294684.

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With reference to these extracts and your understanding of the historical context, which of these two extracts provides the more convincing interpretation of the impact of the Battle of Manzikert on the Byzantine Empire?

[25 marks]

Section B

Answer **either** Question 02 **or** Question 03.

Either

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'In the years 1099 to 1131, the leadership of Baldwin II was more important than that of Baldwin I in consolidating the position of the Latin Christians in the Near East.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

or

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'Damascus was the greatest threat to the Crusader States in the years 1131 to 1148.'

Explain why you agree or disagree with this view.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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